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Jobless rates up in 102 counties from February 2009 to February 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: February's preliminary and January's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Feb10charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 1, 2010) — Unemployment rates rose in 102 Kentucky counties between February 2009 and February 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 8.6 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 8.9 percent; Boyd County, 9.1 percent; Madison County, 9.4 percent; Calloway County, 9.7 percent; Jessamine County, 9.8 percent; Franklin and Scott counties, 9.9 percent each; Bourbon County, 10 percent; and McCracken, Rowan and Warren counties, 10.1 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 23.2 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 21.1 percent; Jackson County, 19.9 percent; Bath County, 18.5 percent; Lewis County, 18.2 percent; Edmonson County, 18.1 percent; Powell County, 18 percent; Grayson County, 17.9 percent; Morgan County, 17.1 percent; and Wolfe County, 16.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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